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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O., No. 689, Educational, dated 22nd December 1900.

ABSTRACT.—Approving, with certain modifications, the revised rules of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, submitted by the Director of Public Instruction.

II

Letter—from W. H. G. PADFIELD, Esq., Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.

To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Dated—the 9th July 1908.

No.—879.

I have the honour, as instructed by the Committee, to ask if Government would be pleased to extend the Christmas holidays of this institution to a limit of two months, instead of the six weeks now sanctioned under rule 52, the number of incidental holidays now given being *pro tanto* reduced.

2. The Committee feel that a longer Christmas holiday and less incidental holidays would be of advantage for the following reasons :—

(i) The majority of the children go to homes which are at a considerable distance and are therefore unable to go away at all during the short holidays at Easter, Michaelmas and after the inspection.

(ii) The annual repairs are in progress at Christmas and it is advisable to have as few children in residence while such repairs are being carried out.

(iii) It is the almost universal rule for European schools in India to give by far the larger part of the holidays allowed by the Code, at one time.

(iv) It would enable the staff to attend lectures for teachers such as are understood to be in contemplation by the Educational Department, and, while improving their teaching methods, still have a holiday, which would enable them to come back fresh to their work.

N. Ref. on Cur. No. 4922/08, dated 1st August 1908.

Submitted to Government and recommended in view of the fact that the Brecks' Memorial school, Ootacamund, also closes for two months for the Christmas holidays.

A. G. BOURNE,
Director of Public Instruction.

Order—No. 607, Educational, dated 25th August 1908.

The Government approve the proposal of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, to extend the Christmas holidays of the Asylum from six weeks to two months, a corresponding reduction being made in the number of incidental holidays now granted at Easter and Michaelmas and after the inspection, on the understanding that the pupils are unable ordinarily to go away during these three periods of school holidays. The details as to the extent to which these latter holidays should be curtailed should be settled by the Committee in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction.

2. In rule 52 of the rules for regulating the constitution and working of the Lawrence Asylum issued in G.O., No. 689, Educational, dated 22nd December 1900—

(1) For the words "six weeks" substitute the words "two months".

(2) For the words "chapter III of the Educational rules" substitute the words "chapter VII of the Educational rules, fifth edition".

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.
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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 607, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 25TH AUGUST 1908.

[SUBJECT.—*Extension of the Christmas holidays for the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 1st August 1908, No. 4922.

Under rule 52 of the Lawrence Asylum rules, the Asylum school is closed for the Christmas vacation for a period not exceeding six weeks, but there is no Midsummer vacation.

2. The Committee of the Lawrence Asylum now requests the sanction of Government to extend the Christmas vacation from six weeks to two months, the number of miscellaneous holidays now given being *pro tanto* reduced.

3. The Committee considers that a longer Christmas holiday and less incidental holidays will be of advantage for the following reasons :—

(i) The majority of the children go to their homes during the holidays, but as their homes are at a considerable distance they are unable to go away during the short holidays at Easter, Michaelmas and after the inspection.

What are they ?

G. S. F[ORBES].

(ii) The annual repairs are in progress at Christmas and it is advisable to have as few children in residence while such repairs are being carried out.

(iii) It is the almost universal rule for European schools in India to give by far the larger part of the holidays allowed by the code at one time.

(iv) It would enable the members of the staff to attend the lectures for teachers given by the Educational Department during the Christmas holidays and while improving their teaching methods, they will still have a holiday which would enable them to come back fresh to their work.

3. The Director of Public Instruction recommends the request of the Committee, in view of the fact that the Brecks' Memorial school, Ootacamund, also closes for two months for the Christmas holidays.

4. In view of the fact that there is no Midsummer vacation for the Asylum, there appears to be no objection to extending the Christmas holidays from six weeks to two months.

T.K.—7-8-08.

If the proposal is approved, it will be necessary to alter rule 52 of the Rules for the working of the Asylum approved in G.O., No. 689, Educational, dated 22nd December 1900, by substituting the words "two months" for "six weeks" in the first sentence of rule 52. In the second sentence of the same rule, "chapter III of the Educational rules" will also have to be altered into "chapter VII of the Educational rules," as in the revised edition of the Educational rules. The list of miscellaneous holidays to be granted to schools is given in chapter VII and not in chapter III.

K. RANGASWAMI AYYANGAR—7-8-08.

The notes to G.O., No. 689, Educational, dated 22nd December 1900, do not give the reasons for limiting the vacation to six weeks. Perhaps the proposal may be approved.

C. A. SOUTER—8-8-08.

The code for European schools does not expressly refer to the subject of holidays. The difficulty will be to decide which of the casual holidays should be dispensed with, in order to provide for the extra fortnight. There are twelve casual holidays in Hindu schools, apart from Easter.

Page 18, Educational rules.

If the proposal is approved, the Easter holidays might be reduced to four days and eleven other casual holidays omitted; it would be necessary to retain the King Emperor's birthday as a holiday.

The matter has, however, to be looked at from the point of view of the parents also. The latter might find it inconvenient and expensive to have the children on their hands for so long a period as two months at a time; and, before any action is taken, it seems desirable that the Principal should consult the parents generally. No information is available as to how many of the children at present remain at Lovedale during the holidays.

H. D. TAYLOR—10-8-08.

What are the holidays given at "Easter, Michaelmas and after the inspection"?

G. S. F[ORBES]—11-8-08.

Will Mr. Souter please obtain the information by demi-official from the Principal. This will save time.

H. D. TAYLOR—13-8-08.

Demi-official from C. A. SOUTER, Esq., I.C.S., Under Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to W. H. G. PADFIELD, Esq., Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, dated 13th August 1908, No. 1723-1.

In your letter to the Director of Public Instruction, No. 879, dated the 9th July 1908, in which the Government are asked to extend the Christmas vacation of the Lawrence Asylum from six weeks to two months, you mention certain "short holidays" at Easter, Michaelmas and after the inspection. I am directed to ask you to be so good as to state for the information of Government what these holidays are and how long they last.

Demi-official from W. H. G. PADFIELD, Esq., Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, to C. A. SOUTER, Esq., I.C.S., Under Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated the 15th August 1908, No. 1636.

With reference to your Demi-official No. 1723-1, dated 13th instant, I beg to state that the holidays which have been given under rule 52 by my predecessors for many years have been—

7 days at Easter.
18 days after inspection.
7 days at Michaelmas.

32 days.

Please see Mr. Padfield's demi-official *supra*. The information therein contained was called for with reference to Honourable Member's remarks *supra*.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—18-8-08.

These holidays amount in all to 32 days. It might be left to the Principal to curtail them as he likes and lengthen the Christmas vacation by a fortnight.

H. D. TAYLOR.

C. A. SOUTER—18-8-08.

Easter and Michaelmas holidays might be reduced to 4 days each and the holidays after inspection to 10 days. That would make up the 14 days extra for the Christmas vacation. The Committee might settle the details in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction.

H. D. TAYLOR—19-8-08.

If the pupils cannot ordinarily go away during the three periods of short holidays they may be reduced as proposed in order to add to the Christmas vacation. Orders accordingly.

G. S. F[ORBES]—20-8-08.

Draft please.

H. D. TAYLOR—21-8-08.

The draft order below is submitted for approval.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—22-8-08.

C. A. SOUTER—24-8-08.

Issue.

H. D. TAYLOR—25-8-08.

[G.O., No. 607, Educational, dated 25th August 1908.]

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Subject.

Submitting for favourable consideration of Government a letter from the Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, requesting an extension of the Christmas Holidays for the Lawrence Asylum.

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N.Ref on Cur No. 4 9 2 2 /08

Station M a d r a s , Dated the 1st August 190 8.

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. A.G. Bourne, D.Sc., F.R.S., C.I.E

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department.

Sir,



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on the understanding that the pupils are unable ordinarily to go away during these three periods of school holidays.

The Government approve the proposal of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, Otago, to extend the Christmas holidays of the Asylum from six weeks to two months, a corresponding reduction being made in the number of incidental holidays now granted at Easter & Michaelmas and after the inspection. The details as to the extent to which these latter holidays should be curtailed in order to

to make up for the two weeks added to the Christmas vacation, should be settled by the Committee in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction.

2. In Rule 52 of the rules for regulating the constitution and working of the Lawrence Asylum issued in G.O. No. 689 Ed., dated 22nd December 1900,

- (1) For the words "Six weeks" Substitute the words "two months"
- (2) For the words "Chapter III of the Educational rules" Substitute the words "Chapter VII of the Educational Rules Fifth Edition."

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Committee of the L. Asylum
Ootacamund.

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